

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I am a hardcore music fan who has worked in the music industry my whole adult life. i can say without question that the loosening of restrictions regarding radio have made music radio far more homogenized in this country than it used to be. many of the more talented rock and jazz musicians actually make a majority of their living through overseas sales/touring because the state of "quality" music on the airwaves in the US excludes them from airplay. it is truly sad that these artists have far bigger followings in Europe where the public doesn't even speak the language of the songs they sing. Big Corporate radio ownership in the US has done nothing positive on a local level and has tightened/streamlined formats/playlists where the same songs are heard in every city. Big corporate radio caters only to the lowest common denominator. It is frankly an embarrasment to this country's musical heritage.